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FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF AMB SCALI'S STATEMENT DELIVERED IN
SC AFTERNOON JULY 20 IN EXPLANATION OF VOTE ON REFTL
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"MR. PRESIDENT:

WE CONVENE HERE TODAY IN THE WAKE OF OPEN MILITARY ACTION IN THE EASTERN MEDITERRANEAN. TO OUR DEEP REGRET, TURKISH TROOPS HAVE LANDED ON CYPRUS. THIS COUNCIL, ALL TOO FAMILIAR WITH THE ANTAGONISMS WHICH HAVE SHAPED GREEK-TURKISH RELATIONS ON CYPRUS, NEEDS NO REMINDER OF WHAT THE TURKISH LANDING FOREBODES FOR THE STABILITY OF THE ISLAND AND WHAT A SERIOUS THREAT IS POSED FOR PEACE IN THE AREA. REGRETTABLY, THE PROCESS OF DIPLOMACY WAS NOT GIVEN A CHANCE TO RUN ITS COURSE. THE PEOPLE OF CYPRUS ARE THE TRAGIC LOSERS, ONCE MORE OVERTAKEN BY EVENTS SADLY BEYOND THEIR CAPABILITY TO CONTROL. INDEED, MR. PRESIDENT, WE ARE ALL LOSERS AS INTERNATIONAL PEACE HANGS MOST PRECARIOUSLY AND DRAMATICALLY IN THE BALANCE. MY GOVERNMENT DEPLORES THE PRESSURES AND INTERVENTIONS WHICH CONTRIBUTED TO THE TURKISH ACTION ON CYPRUS AND FOR WHICH GREECE MUST BEAR A HEAVY SHARE OF THE RESPONSIBILITY. HOWEVER, THIS INVASION IN NO WAY SERVES THE HOPED FOR PEACE OF THE TURKISH COMMUNITY ON CYPRUS OR INDEED THE CAUSE OF PEACE IN THE WORLD. NEITHER CAN WE BE CONVINCED THAT FOREIGN MILITARY INTERVENTION IN CYPRUS FROM WHATEVER QUARTER AND BY WHATEVER MEANS HAS AT ANY TIME BEEN JUSTIFIABLE.

WE OPPOSE ANY INTERVENTION IN THE INTERNAL AFFAIRS OF A MEMBER STATE OF THESE UNITED NATIONS.

MY GOVERNMENT HAS WORKED UNTIRINGLY THESE PAST DAYS IN AN ATTEMPT TO FORESTALL THE ESCALATION TOWARD INTERVENTION IN THE EASTERN MEDITERRANEAN. TRAGICALLY, WITH THE TURKISH INTERVENTION LAST NIGHT, ANOTHER STEP HAS BEEN TAKEN TOWARD EXACTLY THAT WHICH WE HAVE ATTEMPTED TO FORESTALL.

TURKEY IS AND WILL REMAIN AN ALLY OF THE UNITED STATES.
GREECE IS AND WILL REMAIN AN ALLY OF THE UNITED STATES.

IT IS IN THE INTERESTS OF THE PEOPLE OF GREECE AND THE PEOPLE OF TURKEY TO ENSURE THAT GREECE REMAINS THE ALLY OF TURKEY. AS FRIENDS FOR A GENERATION, BOTH PEOPLES HAVE MADE GIANT STRIDES; AS ENEMIES THEY STAND TO LOSE ALL.

IT IS IN THE INTEREST OF THE PEOPLE OF CYPRUS AS WELL AS
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THOSE OF GREECE AND TURKEY AND ALL MEMBERS OF THIS COUNCIL THAT CYPRUS NOT BECOME A MEDITERRANEAN BATTLEGROUND.

THE UNITED STATES WILL CONTINUE TO WORK WITH ITS FRIENDS TOWARD THIS GOAL. WE URGE THE GOVERNMENTS OF GREECE AND TURKEY TO DISPLAY TO THE MEMBERS OF THIS COUNCIL THE MAXIMUM SPIRIT OF RESTRAINT AND COMPROMISE IN THE INTEREST OF PEACE.

WE BELIEVE THAT WITH GOOD WILL, COMMON SENSE, AND
EXTRAORDINARY STATESMANSHIP BY ALL CONCERNED, IT IS
STILL NOT TOO LATE TO AVERT MAJOR TRAGEDY.

WE APPRECIATE THAT ALL MEMBERS OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL
HAVE JOINED IN CALLING FOR AN IMMEDIATE CEASE FIRE. WE
OWE THE EMBATTLED PEOPLE OF CYPRUS NO LESS.

ALL MEMBERS OF THIS COUNCIL HAVE WISELY JOINED WITH US
IN A REQUEST TO THE GOVERNMENTS OF GREECE AND TURKEY TO
ACCEPT IMMEDIATELY THE UNITED KINGDOM PROPOSAL FOR
NEGOTIATIONS AMONG THE GUARANTOR POWERS. WE BELIEVE THAT AT
THIS TIME, THE SECURITY COUNCIL CAN MAKE NO GREATER
CONTRIBUTION TO THE CAUSE OF PEACE AND CONSTITUTIONAL
GOVERNMENT IN CYPRUS."
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